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SUBJECT: THE MOOD IN SHANGHAI

1. USLO OFFICER TRAVELLING IN SHANGHAI WITH U.S.
GYMNASTICS TEAM PROVIDED FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON
LOCAL SCENE AS OF NOVEMBER 1.

2. DEMONSTRATORS NUMBERING IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS
PARADED THROUGH SHANGHAI STREETS TO SIGNIFY THEIR "WARM
CONGRATULATIONS" ON THE CENTRAL DECISION TO APPOINT SU
CHEN-HUA, NI CHIH-FU AND PENG CHUNG TO PARTY AND
REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. COLOR
PORTRAITS CARRIED BY THE MARCHERS WERE DIVIDED EVENLY
AMONG MAO, HUA, AND CHOU EN-LAI. NEW CARICATURES
DEPICTED THE LATEST REVELATIONS OF RADICAL "CRIMES":
YAO WEN-YUAN WAS SHOWN CONCOCTING (POISONOUS) EDITORIAL
LEADS SUCH AS "DOWN WITH EMPIRICISM"; WANG HUNG-WEN
WAS DRAWN FISHING AND DRINKING; AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
"FOUR-PERSON GANG" WERE PICTURED AS TRADITIONAL MANDARINS
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3. MANY POSTERS ATTACKING ENTERPRISE MANAGERMENTS FOR
SUNDRY CRIMES OF COMMISSION AND OMISSION (E.G. THE
CHING-CHIANG HOTEL MANAGEMENT WAS ACCUSED OF "TOADYING"
TO THE DEMANDS OF A SHANGHAI PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE
MEMBER WHO HAD ENTERETAINED THERE) HAD BEEN TORN DOWN
SINCE OCTOBER 27 -- PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO CENTRAL
INSTRUCTIONS TO LIMIT ATTACKS TO LEADING OFFICIALS. BUT
HSU CHING-HSIEN AND WANG HSIU-CHEN WERE CRITICIZED IN
COUNTLESS POSTERS; MA TIEN-SHUI IN FEWER; AND NO MEMBER
OF SHANGHAI'S (FORMER) MUNICIPAL PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE
WAS SPARED ATTACK IN AT LEAST ONE POSTER.

4. OPENNESS AND CANDOR, SHANGHAI-STYLE. WHEN THE
GYMNASTS REQUESTED -- AGAINST THE ADVICE OF USLO ESCORT--
A "POLITICAL BRIEFING" FROM THEIR SHANGHAI HOSTS, THE
LATTER RETIRED FROM THE ROOM, DISCUSSED THE REQUEST, AND
REEMERGED BEARING AN ARMLOAD OF RECENT PEOPLE'S DAILY
ISSUES. THESE, THE HOSTS SAID, WOULD TELL THE GYMNASTS
ALL THEY WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT POLITICAL
SITUATION. AND THE USLO OFFICER, THEY ADDED, COULD
"HELP THEM TRANSLATE."
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